

8912-06

Lowell A. Chamberlin Coastal Defense Battery

(San Francisco, off The Great Highway)

Directions: SEE MAP; Take Ravenswood to Middlefield; North on Middlefield to Marsh Road; Right on Marsh Road; take Highway 101 North (towards San Francisco); take Highway 380 West to Highway 280 North; Highway 280 North connects with Highway 1 (19th Ave.); take Highway 1 (19th Ave.) North; follow signs to Golden Gate Bridge; stay in the right lane and exit at scenic point just before you start over the bridge; follow the road under Highway 1 (Battery Road); follow the road around to Merchant Road; turn right on Merchant Road; turn right on Lincoln Blvd.; turn right on Bowley Street; turn right on Gibson Road; take the road to the parking lot; park and walk around. The gates to the battery may be locked, but if you take the dirt trail above the fence you will be able to look down on the battery.

Target: The target is the Lowell A. Chamberlin Coastal Defense Battery. The battery is located right at the edge of the ocean. The battery is situated so that the Golden Gate Bridge and the mouth of the San Francisco Bay would have been protected. The battery is constructed of cement and is set into the earth so that it would have been hidden from approaching enemies. There are underground shelters and/or storage areas. There are round raised cement areas with huge guns mounted on them (six inch disappearing rifles). There are cement steps leading up to the raised areas. Parts of the battery complex have been painted white, black, or green.

Target: Coastal Battery

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1. PROJECT: 8912-06 (W-12).
2. ENCRYPTED COORDINATES: 8912-06.
3. BACKGROUND: THIS IS AN SRI-SELECTED TARGET.
4. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:
 - A. DESCRIBE THE TARGET.
 - B. DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY AT THE TARGET.
 - C. PROVIDE SKETCHES IN SUPPORT OF YOUR FINDINGS.

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